

STATE TAX RATE
SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Figure is 55 Cents on Each \$100 Valuation, According to Word From Springfield.

CAUSED BY EXTRA EXPENSES

Is Increase of 7 Cents Over 1911, But Is 15 Cents Less Than Two Years Ago.

Word from Springfield today is that the state tax rate for the current year will be 55 cents on each \$100 valuation as shown by the assessments and equalizations of the state board of equalization. This is an increase of seven cents over the rate for last year. Announcement of the rate was given up yesterday following a meeting of the Illinois state tax commission, composed of Governor Dunne, State Treasurer Russell and State Auditor James J. Brady.

The rate last year was 48 cents; in 1912, 50 cents; in 1913, 58 cents; in 1914, 55 cents; in 1915, 50 cents, and 1909, 35 cents. County Clerk H. B. Hubbard, when he called this morning to receive official word of the rate this year, confirmed the figures given out yesterday at Springfield over the long distance telephone.

Explanation of the increase in the rate is that there are extraordinary expenditures of \$4,754,390 anticipated, and that each \$250,000 of expenditure adds 1 cent to the tax rate. It is explained that the rate anticipates a possible addition of \$250,000 at another special session convening in January, and that it is 15 cents higher than it would have been except for the extraordinary expenses to which reference is made.

Dunne's Statement.

Governor Dunne gave out this statement: "The state tax commission, at its meeting today, fixed the tax rate of the state of Illinois for the ensuing year at 55 cents, an increase of 7 cents over the 48-cent rate fixed in the year 1914."

"The increase in the state rate is made necessary by the following extraordinary items of expenditure:

For food and mouth disease	\$1,430,500
Increased appropriation for state school fund	1,000,000
Increased appropriation for state university	500,000
Increased and expenses occasioned by the special session of the legislature made necessary by the decision of the supreme court in the suit of Ferguson, et al., vs. Russell, et al.	200,000
Items voted in part and returned to their full amounts by the decision of the supreme court in the suit of Ferguson, et al., vs. Russell, et al. (This includes items voted in part by the governor, which votes are held by the supreme court to be unconstitutional)	455,000
Increased appropriations for state normal schools	310,000
Increased appropriations for good roads	\$88,790
Total	\$4,754,390

Plan Foot and Mouth Aid.

"In fixing the tax rate at 55 cents the state tax commission took into consideration that there will probably be an additional appropriation of \$250,000 made by another special session for the food and mouth disease. Every increase of \$250,000 in the appropriation makes necessary an addition of 1 cent to the tax rate.

"Were it not for the extraordinary expenses noted above the tax rate this year would have been reduced to 35 cents, a reduction of 12 cents from the tax rate which was fixed in the year 1911."

LET CONTRACT FOR
COUNTY FARM FLOUR

At a meeting of the county infirmity committee, held at the farm Thursday, contract for 100 barrels of flour for the year's supply was let to G. L. Benson, Moline grocer, for \$5.25 per barrel.

The new shed which has been built for storage purposes, was inspected. It is a valuable addition to the county farm equipment and will give Superintendent P. B. Wylie a place where repair work on farm implements can be done during the winter months.

Valent coke, \$5.50 per ton. Telephone Moline 506.

NEW HOSPITAL HEAD



Miss Amelia Dahlgren.

Miss Dahlgren has been appointed superintendent and head nurse of the new Lutheran hospital of the Rock Island district, now in course of construction at Fifth street and Fifth avenue, in Moline. Miss Dahlgren comes from Chicago, where for 10 years she has served as superintendent of Englewood hospital.

SETH TO PREACH
INITIAL SERMON

New Pastor of the Mission Tabernacle Will Be Heard for First Time in Moline Tomorrow.

Rev. J. E. Seth, called to the pastorate of the Mission Tabernacle of Moline, will preach his initial sermon in that city tomorrow.

Mission work in San Francisco has claimed the attention of Rev. Mr. Seth during the last year. While there his worth was recognized in his appointment to membership on the Swedish fair committee for the Pan-American exposition. For his efforts in behalf of the fair exhibit he was honored by the king of Sweden, being made a knight of the Order of Vasa by that monarch.

Rev. Mr. Seth was pastor of the Mission church at Spokane, Wash., before going to San Francisco. There he served as chairman of the Spokane charities commission, having been appointed to the board by the mayor, and having been elected to the executive position by his colleagues. Before his service at Spokane he was pastor of the Superior, Wis., church. There he served as a member of the library board under appointment of the mayor. His coming to Moline is an occasion for congratulations by friends of the Mission Tabernacle.

IN MOLINE LODGES

Election of officers took place at the regular weekly meeting of King Philip tribe, No. 94, Improved Order of Red Men, last evening. Those elected: Prophet—Eric Delene, Schem—Kale Rask.

Senior Sagamore—Bernard Johnson, Junior Sagamore—Richard Swanson, Keeper of Wampum—Charles Eckstrom.

Collector—V. A. Shallen, Chief of Records—E. O. Johnson. Representative to the grand state council—William Mueller.

Those elected to the positions of prophet, scribe and senior and junior warden will serve six months, while the keeper of wampum, collector and chief of records will serve one year. The representative to the grand council is elected for two years.

Chief's degree work was put on after the election last evening and plans for a trip which the degree staff will make to Geneseo Dec. 16 were discussed. A large class is awaiting initiation in the Henry county town. A trip to Hampton to put on work will also be made in the near future.

Delicate Scales.

There are two sets of scales in use in the New Orleans mint, the larger of which weighs anything from one-thousandth of an ounce to 500 pounds. The second scale, with its acute bearings, will weigh accurately a human hair.

MOLINE OFFICER
LOSES HIS STAR

Patrolman George Daebelliehn Discharged From Police Department by Commissioner Stouffer.

CHARGES DRINKING ON BEAT

Accuses Fellow Cop of Causing His Difficulty and Fight Results—New Man on Force.

Because of his alleged violation of the order issued by Commissioner A. C. Stouffer when he assumed office last spring, to the effect that no member of the force should take a drink of liquor while on duty, George Daebelliehn, night patrolman on the Moline police force, was last evening discharged from the department.

Commissioner Stouffer learned during the summer that the order had been violated and he issued another warning, declaring any man who violated the order would be discharged.

Since that time the commissioner has maintained a closer watch upon certain of the men than is generally known. He received information some time ago that Patrolman Daebelliehn had violated the order and last evening he went upon Daebelliehn's beat and checked on him. He said last evening he saw Daebelliehn take a drink in violation of his instructions. The officer's discharge resulted.

Accuses Fellow Officer.

Ted Anderson, patrolman, was accused by Daebelliehn of being responsible for his difficulty, although Commissioner Stouffer told him at the time that the other patrolman had nothing to do with it.

Daebelliehn went in search of Anderson and found him. A battle followed that resulted in Daebelliehn appearing at the police station rather battered, in custody of Anderson. Because of the circumstances no charges were made against him in police court, however.

Carl E. Gellerstedt, age 24, 1812 Twelfth street, today became a member of the police force.

MEN WHO WON M
TO NAME CAPTAIN

Leader for 1916 Eleven to Be Chosen by Maroon and White Players at Banquet Next Wednesday.

The annual "M" men banquet has been set for Wednesday of next week. Colonel Hjalmer Kohler, Moline's dean of athletics, has consented to act as toastmaster. The event will be held in the high school lunchroom instead of in the Manufacturers' hotel, as hitherto, and election of the 1916 captain will come up at that time.

Guests of honor at the affair will be Moline's 12 "M" men—Wilson, Welch, Fromme, Avenue, Seymour, Weatherhead, Mousley, Baslow, Ludwick, Hokinson, Edlund and Rohrer. All will have part in the evening's program, which is being outlined by Kenneth Ehl, president of the high school athletic association. Other celebrities who will be present and "orate" during the evening will be Coach McGough and Adams, Trainer Peters, Manager Thilston and athletic association officials.

Letters for the 12 successful in making them have been ordered and will be given out Wednesday if they arrive.

Fraternal

Tribute to deceased members will be paid by Rock Island lodge of Elks at memorial services which will be held at the club rooms on Eighteenth street at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Not only members of the order but the public in general has been invited to attend. The oration will be by Thomas J. Welch, city attorney of Kewanee. Mr. Welch formerly studied law in Rock Island and after being admitted to the bar, located in Kewanee. Robert Rexdale will give the eulogy and opening and closing prayer will be offered by Rev. J. L. Vance. There will be music by a quartet and solo numbers.

At a meeting held last night at Odd Fellows' hall, Rock Island encampment No. 12, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers for the ensuing year. The installation will be held the first Friday in January:

Chief patriarch—Carl Lozano, High priest—Henry Holst, Senior warden—Joseph Mejerla, Junior warden—John Ross, Scribe—J. A. Reid, Financial scribe—D. W. Hathaway, Treasurer—J. D. Bollman, Trustees for one year—George Clapper, Nelson Brackin, W. J. Bilsener, Thomas McLean and O. E. Sipple.

First plans for the district encampment, to be held in Rock Island in January or February, were made last night, when correspondence was started with the grand patriarch, who is to set the date.

At a meeting held Thursday night, Watch Tower camp No. 3627, M. W. A., elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Venerable consul—W. M. Burgess, Worthy advisor—S. Houldsworth, Banker—P. Lafranz, Clerk—William Bauman, Escort—E. Bendt, Watchman—O. Bendt, Physicians—Dr. L. Eddy and Dr. E. Bradford.

The election of manager and sentry was laid over until the next meeting.

Installation of officers will be held at the first meeting in January.

Rock Island lodge No. 658, A. F. & A. M., at a meeting last night at Masonic hall, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Worshipful Master—Robert C. Mitchell, Senior Warden—J. B. Jones, Junior Warden—H. H. Holdorf, Treasurer—C. F. Channon, Secretary—H. S. Bollman, Member Masonic Association—A. D. Welch.

The officers will be installed at the January meeting.

Mystic Workers, No. 35, in annual meeting last evening selected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Prefect—Joseph F. Grotegut, Monitor—Arthur Cralle, Secretary and banker—Miss Lillian Davis, Marshal—Mrs. Ella Henderson, Warden—Miss Mamie Bloehlinger, Sentinel—Mrs. Freda Cralle, Supervisor for three years—Mrs. Kate Krueger.

Delegates to national meeting in June in Grand Rapids, Mich.—Miss Lillian Davis and J. F. Grotegut, Alternates—Miss Rose Cramer, Mrs. Amelia Grotegut.

Installation will take place the first Thursday in January.

PUNCH BOARDS IN
STORES REMOVED

Police Seize Devices Which Were Placed in Business Houses by a Candy Concern.

Police confiscated two punchboards today, one in a drug store and the other in a cigar store. All patrolmen were cautioned to watch closely for the "harmless gambling devices," as they are called, since city authorities fear efforts are being made to sneak them back to stimulate the holiday trade.

The city commission has rejected the plea of cigar store owners made at the council meeting last Monday and the police have received no orders contrary to those of some weeks ago when all the punchboards in the city were ordered from the show cases of drug stores, saloons and cigar stores.

Chief Miller said today that the violators were innocent to a certain extent, inasmuch as an outside candy concern placed the boards in the stores and told the owners that the city would permit sale of candy through the use of punch boards during the month of December. No arrests were made.

ALEDO

Mrs. F. W. Lemon and son Vincent of Galesburg and Mrs. Ella Vincent and daughter, Miss Nellie of Whiting, Ind., spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lemon and returned to Galesburg Saturday.

Miss Lela Swartz is spending a few days with friends in Abingdon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nesbitt went to Silvis Thursday and spent the day with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Haddick.

C. S. Bartlett and sister, Miss Louise Bartlett, went to Alexis Thursday and spent the day at the home of Miss Nancy Scott.

Misses Enid and Pauline House of Burlington, Iowa, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen.

Mrs. Eva Crane of Pittsfield came Wednesday to spend a few days with her daughter, Miss Florine Crane.

Mrs. Mary Evans went to Keithsburg Wednesday to make a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. P. Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. George White of Alpha came Wednesday to visit relatives in Aledo and vicinity.

The agronomy class of William and Vashti college will give an illustrated lecture on corn at the college chapel on Monday evening, Nov. 29. A complete set of 60 slides which present the entire subject in every detail will be used. All who are interested in this subject are invited to attend.

Mrs. E. H. Bjorkman spent Thursday in Galva with her brother, Joseph Brown.

H. B. Garrett of Oklahoma City, Okla., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Hettie Garrett. Misses Dorothy Garrett and friend Miss Frances Watton of Oklahoma City, who are attending Knox college also spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rourke left Wednesday for Mulberry Grove where they will spend a few days with Mr. Rourke's mother, Mrs. L. Coombs.

Ervin Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Day of this city and Miss Florence Macknaw of Charles City, Iowa, were married at the home of the bride's parents on Sunday, Nov. 21. After a wedding trip to Portland, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Day will be located on the bride's farm near Charles City. Mr. Day's many friends here wish them a happy and successful life.

Mrs. L. C. Swartz and children visited in Woodhull Thursday with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Andress.

Fifty friends and neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown at their home east of Aledo on Wednesday evening, which was their 24th wedding anniversary. A very pleasant evening was spent during which refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hunsley, who have made a few weeks' visit with Mrs. Hunsley's brother, Orville Brown at Joy, left Wednesday for their home in Minot, N. D.

Mrs. G. W. Werts went to Burgess Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Werts.

Charles Harkrader of Alexis is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Philles left Wednesday to spend a few days with relatives in Dixon, Ill., and Clinton, Iowa. Miss Helen Johnson of Geneseo is

spending a few days with Miss June Shult.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bolton went to Alpha Thursday to make a short visit with relatives.

W. S. Finch returned to his home in Independence, Iowa, this week after spending a few days at the homes of Charles Finch and W. D. Emerson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bridgford and sons, Lane and Reed of Joy, spent Thursday with Mrs. Myrtle Bridgford.

Professor L. L. Minor arrived home Thursday from Carthage to spend a short vacation with his father, M. O. Minor.

The fine nine-room home of S. E. Peterson, a few miles southeast of Aledo was entirely destroyed by fire Thursday. The fire originated from a spark from the kitchen chimney. When discovered it was too late to save the house. With the assistance of the neighbors most of the furniture, including the piano, was saved. The loss is estimated at about \$4,000, with an insurance of \$1,900. Mr. Peterson will rebuild immediately.

Misses Marjorie Cook and Ethel Bridgford left Friday for Lake Forest to visit Misses Louise Haas and Katherine Emrick at Ferry hall. They will also visit friends in Chicago before returning home.

Miss Bessie Finley left this week for Bradshaw, Neb., where she will spend a few weeks with her brother, Robert Finley.

Miss Bernice L. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown of this city and George L. Watt, Jr., of Rockford, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Watt of Aledo, surprised their friends and relatives Thanksgiving day by announcing their marriage which had taken place in Monmouth on Oct. 23. After their marriage Mr. Watt went to Rockford where he prepared a home for his bride and Mrs. Watt returned to her school. Mrs. Watt has been a very popular Mercer county teacher. The many friends of this young people in Aledo and vicinity wish them much happiness.

Mrs. Ed Cooke of Mendota came Wednesday to visit her niece, Mrs. James Bjorkman. She will also visit Mr. and Mrs. George Howless at Stale City before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Vanatta went to Muscatine, Iowa, Wednesday to visit his parents.

Mrs. Selma Borliff, wife of Martin O. Borliff, near Millersburg, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday night at the Mercy hospital in Davenport, Iowa. Mrs. Borliff had been in the hospital for several weeks and her friends thought she was doing well and she was expected home in a short time. Her death came as a great shock to her family and friends. She leaves her husband two children, Martin G. and Mildred E., and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held in the Pomeroy church Saturday morning, Nov. 27, conducted by Rev. A. O. Jones. Burial was made in the Millersburg cemetery.

Mrs. F. C. Hartwig of Watertown, Wis., came Wednesday to make a short visit with her daughter, Miss Henrietta Hartwig.

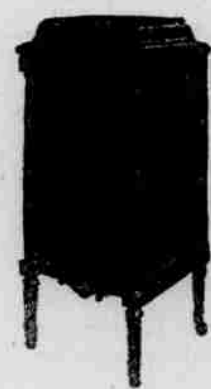
Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Sells went to Bushnell Thursday to make a short visit with Mrs. Mary Kline.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Argus Files of 1890

Nov. 28.—An incendiary fire in the rear room of Winter & Lemberg's wholesale liquor house, 1616 Third avenue, did damage amounting to \$4,000, at 2 o'clock this morning.

The work of laying the return wire for the electric railway under the Second avenue pavement was resumed this morning.

Ten games played in a checker contest between A. W. Valentine of this city and R. S. Woods of Moline resulted in a draw. Woods therefore retains the championship banner another year.

Revival meetings are being held at the Central Presbyterian church.

Nov. 29.—According to the report of the police department 35 arrests were made last month, 12 of them being state cases, and \$56 was collected in fines.

Miss Hattie Tremann was the subject of a pleasant birthday surprise party at her home on Sixth avenue last evening.

Dec. 1.—Leonard L. Reger, foreman at the harness shop at the arsenal, was killed yesterday, when he missed his footing and fell down a flight of stairs, fracturing his skull on the flagstone walk below. Reger lived in Davenport.

PLACE SICKLER HOME
UNDER QUARANTINE

The home of George Sickler, 534 Seventeenth avenue, East Moline, was placed under quarantine late yesterday afternoon, an attending physician having pronounced Horace, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sickler, as having scarlet fever. The Lincoln school was fumigated.

Quarantine on the home of M. J. McKeown, East Moline, was lifted yesterday, the family having been confined to the house during the last three weeks because of diphtheria. With the

Ex-Policeman Peter Loge, now teamster for the Rock Island Lumber company, was painfully injured in an accident at the yards yesterday, when he was squeezed between a bridge over the driveway and the top of the load of lumber on his wagon.

James Maucker left this afternoon for Sandwich, Ill., to examine a gymnasium outfit with view of purchasing it for the Rock Island Athletic club.

Dec. 2.—A light snow was falling this afternoon in Rock Island.

P. J. Cary today received his appointment as substitute mail carrier.

This morning the Holmes syndicate of Chicago let a contract for the erection of a new power station at Twenty-third street and First avenue. The station is to furnish power for the electric railway and will cost approximately \$12,000 without the equipment.

Dec. 2.—At Monday night's meeting of the Moline city council the Holmes syndicate received its Third avenue ordinance, permitting double tracks.

The first issue of the Moline Evening Journal made its appearance last evening. Andrew Anderson is editor and E. L. Eastman business manager.

Dec. 4.—Policeman William Glass, a new appointee, entered upon his duties today.

exception of scarlet fever case in the Sickler home, East Moline is now free of contagious disease.

LICENSED TO WED

Harry L. Wright Galesburg
Miss Ethel F. Johnson Galesburg

Adam and Eve.

Adam and Eve had many adventures. The principal one was that they escaped leeching.—Mark Twain.

All the news all the time—The Argus.



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